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Dear Dr. [redacted]

I am anxious that the National Photographic Interpretation Center be in as strong as possible a position to cope with problems which are now forecast, particularly those related to the volume of inputs.

Would you please form a group to look into the matter.

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I would appreciate it if we could undertake this at an early date.

Sincerely,

(signed) W. F. Raborn

**W. F. Raborn**  
**Director**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
**SUBJECT :** Re-examination of Long-Range Requirements of  
the National Photographic Interpretation Center

1. I have received a memorandum from the Director of Budget, Program Analysis and Manpower conveying to me your instruction that immediate steps be taken to re-examine the long-range requirements of the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) and that, in accordance with the Director's desires, this be done by a high level group of consultants.

2. I understand that the Inspector General intends to recommend in his report of survey of NPIC that a panel of consultants be convened to make a cross-disciplinary examination of photo interpretation technology and procedures in NPIC. We have had numerous panels formed to look at particular photo interpretation problems. Among these was a Photo Working Panel under the technical direction of [redacted]

[redacted] of Stanford University, which spent some three months last year studying problems of image quality. Also last year, the Optics Panel of the Director's Scientific Advisory Board looked into problems of image quality, image reconstruction, and the optical capabilities of the Agency. However, there has not been an across the board scientific and technical examination of NPIC by outsiders since a survey made by the [redacted]

[redacted] in 1959.

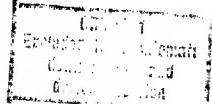
3. The Inspector General has already devoted some time to identifying particularly well qualified men in fields such as physics, communications engineering, civil engineering, psychology, and education who might serve on the panel. Included on his list are such men as: [redacted]

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[redacted] has had experience in developing a carrier-borne photo exploitation center for the Navy.

4. We should, I believe, proceed through existing Agency machinery created for just such a problem; namely, the Director's Scientific Advisory Board (see Attachment A for terms of reference) by requesting Dr. [redacted], the Board's Chairman, to form a panel to make the study and to submit recommendations to the Director.

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5. I therefore recommend that the Director sign the attached letter to Dr. [redacted] (see Attachment B) or, in the alternative, authorize me to contact him.

/s/

R. J. SMITH

Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence

Attachments

cc: Executive Director  
Inspector General  
Director, EPAM  
Director, NPIC

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